

CHAPTER NO. 33

HOUSE BILL NO. 287

By Representative McDonald

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 120

By Senator Graves

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 6, Part 2, relative to absentee voting.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-201, is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (9):

(9) Persons Possessing a Valid Commercial Driver License - A voter who possesses a valid commercial driver license and who certifies that the voter:

(A) will be working outside of the county or state where the voter is registered during the early voting period and on election day during all the hours the polls are open; and

(B) has no specific out-of-county or out-of-state location to which mail may be sent or received during such time;

may complete an application to vote absentee by mail at the voter's county election commission office or complete an absentee by-mail application pursuant to § 2-6-202(a)(3), provided, that if applicable, such voter satisfies the requirements of § 2-2-115(b)(7). In order for the absentee application to be processed, the voter must provide the commercial driver license number on his or her current commercial driver license and provide his or her current residential address and any mailing address to which the ballot shall be mailed.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-202(a)(3), is amended by deleting subitem (D) in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following language:

(D) The address to mail the ballot outside the county, except as provided in § 2-6-201(9);

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 7, 2003



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 17th day of April 2003



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR